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(U) On November 24, Poloff delivered to Peter Noble; Deputy Director; United Nations, Human Rights and Commonwealth Division; Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) reftel points regarding the fourth international conference on avian and pandemic influenza (API) in Bamako, Mali, December 6-8. Noble says he will share points with colleagues at the Ministry of Health (MOH) and the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) and query them about GNZ representation in Bamako. Because of limited staff and the travel distance involved, Noble said direct representation from Wellington appears unlikely. However, GNZ may be able to send a representative from another post. Embassy will advise Washington if and when a delegate is selected. McCormick